

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 212-2005**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** August 9, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

**Subject: DADE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (DCACP)  
OFFICER OF THE MONTH JANUARY & JULY 2005**

This Letter to the Commission is to inform the Mayor and City Commissioners that the Miami Beach Police Department's Detective Gustavo Sanchez, Detective Michael Muley, Officer Colin Pfrogner and Sergeant Mark Schoenfeld have received Dade Chief's (DCACP) Officer of the Month Awards for January and July 2005.

Detective Gustavo Sanchez was nominated for his heroic efforts on June 12, 2005 when he responded from an off-duty job to the report of drowning in progress off the beach behind 100 Lincoln Road. The seas on this date were forecast to be eight to ten feet high with the winds blowing at twenty knots and gusting up to thirty knots due to Tropical Storm Arlene. Despite these extremely adverse conditions, Detective Sanchez did not hesitate to put his own life at risk by immediately responding to the scene and going into the water to attempt to rescue two Russian exchange students who had become overwhelmed by the violent surf and became entangled in a rip tide. Detective Sanchez was able to locate one of the victims and bring her to shore while an off-duty life guard, Cayetano Garcia, joined the rescue effort and was able to locate the second victim with the assistance of the Coast Guard. By the time this tremendous rescue effort was concluded, the horrendous weather also caused two of the additional rescuers needing to be rescued themselves by the Coast Guard.

Detective Gustavo Sanchez is the fourth Miami Beach Police Officer this year to be recognized by the prestigious Dade Chiefs Association with their Officer of the Month Award. Officer Pfrogner, Detective Muley and Sergeant Schoenfeld were also honored in January 2005 for their efforts in subduing an extremely violent subject (weighing 380 pounds and 6 feet 5 inches tall) and possibly psychotic subject who had broken into the Playwright Pub at 1265 Washington Avenue. Please join me in congratulating these fine officers for their remarkable accomplishments. We are extremely proud of them and are honored to be working with individuals of their extraordinary caliber.

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c: Detective Gustavo Sanchez  
Detective Michael Muley

Sergeant Mark Schoenfeld  
Officer Colin Pfrogner

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